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EXECUTIVE LETTER
SPD-EL-03-011
Date: February 27, 2003

TO: Area Agency on Aging Directors CHS SDA Managers
CHS/AAA Field Managers and Staff CHS SDA Assistant Managers
SPD Managers and Staff CHS Central Office Managers

SUBJECT: Medicaid Eligibility Notices for Survival Priority Levels 10-14

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REFERENCE:

Topic: N/A
Rule Number: N/A
Filing Instructions: N/A

PURPOSE:

- ___ Transmits new or amended Administrative Rule;
- ___ Interprets Administrative Rule;
- X Establishes procedures related to Administrative Rule;
- ___ Replaces existing procedures or interpretation;
- ___ Deletes Administrative Rule.

GROUND TRUTHED: ___ Yes X No

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 31, 2003 **EXPIRATION DATE:** N/A

DATE SENT FOR COMMENTS TO DIRECTORS AND MANAGERS: N/A

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DISCUSSION:

Executive Letter 03-010, which describes the elimination of Survival Priority Levels 10 - 14 included copies of the two client notices regarding the termination of long term care services. The first of those notices indicated that the client's medical benefits would not change, i.e. clients with income at or below the SSI standard, the second notice indicated that clients would be receiving a separate notice about changes to their medical benefits. There are four different medical notices based on the following client circumstances:

Notice #1: Advises individuals who will remain eligible for QMB-SMB or SMF coverage.

Notice #2: Advises individuals who will remain eligible for QMB-BAS coverage.

Notice #3: Advises those who will no longer qualify for any medical program.

Notice #4: Advises those who may continue to be eligible for OHP following a redetermination of financial eligibility as outlined in IM 03-005.

The notices (please see attachments) have been mailed to those affected by this change. The lists can be located on View Direct, for the client list the report number is SJU 0000R-A and for the provider list the report number is SJU0000R-B.

LOCAL ACTION REQUIRED:

Redetermine financial eligibility for those who received Notice #4 prior to March 15, 2003.

CENTRAL OFFICE ACTION REQUIRED: Provide technical assistance as needed.

TRAINING EXPECTATIONS: None.



Notice of End of Medical Benefits

This notice is about an important change. The medical program that allows you to get a medical card each month is based on your receiving long term care services. The medical card paid for such things as your Medicare deductibles and co-insurance, medication, dental care and mental health services.

Because your long term care services will end March 31, 2003, your eligibility for medical service benefits will also end on March 31, 2003. You will no longer get a medical card.

These changes affect many people in Oregon. The reason for the change is that the State of Oregon does not have sufficient money to continue to provide funds for these programs at their current levels. Therefore, the State has eliminated the level of long term care services that you have been receiving. You will receive a separate notice explaining the changes to your long term care service benefits.

The State will continue to pay your Medicare premium. This is a different program and is not scheduled to end at this time.

If you start paying more medical costs because of these changes, call your worker. You may be eligible for more food stamps.

Because these changes affect all persons like yourself who were receiving a medical card based upon receiving certain long term care services which have now been eliminated state-wide, we cannot grant a hearing based on the loss of your medical benefits. However, you have the right to request a hearing if you disagree with your service level assessment, which entitles you to receive certain long term care services. Please refer to your separate notice concerning long term care service changes for your hearing rights and the possible continuation of services. We have enclosed another copy of the hearings rights for your convenience.

This notice is based on Oregon Administrative Rules 461-135-0750 and 411-015-0000 through 411-015-0015, and on 42 CFR 431.220(b).



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Because your long term care services will end March 31, 2003, your medical benefits will be reduced effective April 1, 2003. You will no longer qualify for the basic health plan. However, the program that pays your Medicare premium, deductibles and co-insurance is not scheduled to end at this time. You will still get a medical card, but it will entitle you to payment for your Medicare premium, deductibles and co-insurance only.

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If you start paying more medical costs because of these changes, call your worker. You may be eligible for more food stamps.

Because these changes affect all persons like yourself who were receiving a medical card based upon receiving certain long term care services which have now been eliminated state-wide, we cannot grant a hearing based on the changes to your medical benefits. However, you have the right to request a hearing if you disagree with your service level assessment, which entitles you to receive certain long term care services. Please refer to your separate notice concerning long term care service changes for your hearing rights and the possible continuation of services. We have enclosed another copy of your hearing rights for your convenience.

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Because your long term care services will end on March 31, 2003, your medical benefits will also change. Your eligibility for the basic health plan will end on March 31, 2003, and you will no longer get a medical card. In addition, the State has been paying your Medicare premium. Payment for your Medicare premium will also end on March 31, 2003.

The reason for the changes is that the State of Oregon does not have sufficient money to continue to provide funds for these programs at current levels. Therefore, the State has eliminated the level of long term care services that you have been receiving. You will receive a separate notice explaining the changes to your long term care service benefits.

If you start paying more medical costs because of these changes, call your worker. You may be eligible for more food stamps.

Because these changes affect all persons like yourself who were receiving a medical card based upon receiving certain long term care services, which have now been eliminated state-wide, we cannot grant a hearing based on the loss of your medical benefits. However, you have the right to request a hearing if you disagree with your service level assessment, which entitles you to receive certain long term care services. Please refer to your separate notice concerning long term care service changes for your hearing rights and the possible continuation of services. We have enclosed another copy of the hearing rights for your convenience.

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Because your long term care services will end on March 31, 2003, your medical benefits may change. You may still be eligible for the basic health plan. In order to determine that, we need to verify financial information about you and other family members who live with you. Your worker will contact you by March 15 for that information.

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